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## Lucky chickens

Small-lot farmers James and Chelsea Keenan of Salmon Arm are about to ramp up production. They are the newest egg farmers awarded quota under BC Egg's New Producer Program and will also operate a grading station. See story, page 33. *SUBMITTED*

## \$228m rebuild fund

Small-scale  
producers fear  
they'll be left  
out

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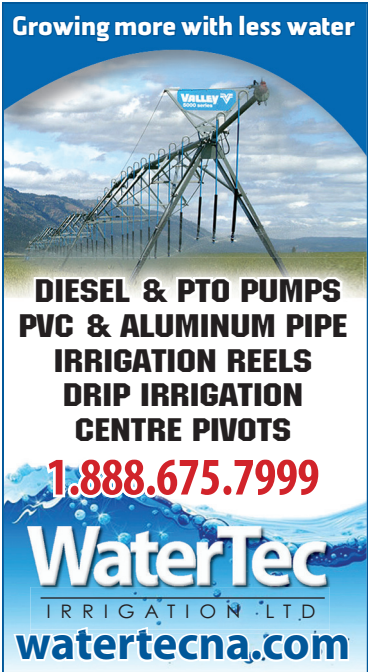
VICTORIA – Tough negotiations have delivered a landmark assistance package for BC farmers recovering from catastrophic flooding and landslides last November.

The provincial and federal agriculture ministers have combined two existing programs to secure \$228 million in funding under what's billed as the "2021 Flood Recovery Program for Food Security."

Delivered through AgriRecovery, it taps the \$5 billion federal disaster financial assistance funding

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## Glyphosate shortage looms

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DAWSON CREEK – A supplier's plant malfunction is jeopardizing Bayer CropScience's ability to deliver glyphosate-containing products.

One of Bayer's key raw material suppliers experienced a mechanical failure that's led to a "substantial reduction in production rates," the company announced February 11.

"Bayer's ability to supply its customers with glyphosate or glyphosate-containing

products as agreed upon in certain agreements or under accepted purchase orders has been impacted," says Bayer global head of active ingredient manufacturing Udo Schneider.

Bayer's best-known glyphosate product is Roundup, acquired with its purchase of Monsanto in 2018.

The impacted manufacturing plant is working to restore production and Bayer has sourced other materials and made other efforts to manage the situation.

The issue is expected to take about three months to resolve.

This unexpected event compounds an already tight supply of global crop inputs due to challenging global trade flows, COVID-19, extreme weather, and other forces, the company says.

Bayer produces glyphosate at for products in North America at its plant in Luling, Louisiana. That plant was temporarily shut down last fall following Hurricane Ida.

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